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SUBJECT: VIEWS ON ANDREOTTI GOVERNMENTS LIFE SPAN

1. OVER THE LAST THREE DAYS, I HAVE HAD CONVERSATIONS WITH  
TRANSPORT MINISTER RUUFINI (DC), FORMER PUBLIC WORKS MINISTER  
LAURICELLA OF THE PSI AND ON. CALOGERO PUMILIA, A DEPUTY DC  
(FOR ZENUOVE) FLOOR LEADER IN THE CHAMBER. ALL OF THEM  
BELIVED THE DAYS OF THE ANDREOTTI GOVERNMENT WERE NUMBERED.

2. LAURICELLA AND PUMILIA THOUGHT ANDREOTTI MIGHT SUCCEDED HIM-  
SELF; BUT BOTH THOUGHT THAT MORO, AS THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT WITH  
THE WIDEST SUPPORT IN HIS OWN PARTY, MIGHT BE MORE CREDIBLE AND  
EFFECTIVE CHOICE. BOTH LAURICELLA AND PUMILIA BELIEVED NEW  
GOVERNMENT WOULD BE BASED ON PRIOR AGREEMENT ABOUT PROGRAM ESSENTIALS  
AMONG DC, PCI AND OTHER "CONSTITUTIONAL ARC PARTIES". PCI  
AND SOCIALISTS WOULD THUS VOTE WITH GOVERNMENT ON MAIN FEATURES  
OF PROGRAM RATHER THAN ABSTAIN AS THEY DO NOW. LAURICELLA  
THOUGHT NEXT GOVERNMENT MIGHT INCLUDE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS AND  
REPUBLICANS. PUMILIA SAW ALLIANCE BETWEEN DC AND PSDI ONLY.  
BOTH RULED OUT PARTICIPATION BY SOCIALISTS AT THIS STAGE. LAURICELLA  
ADDED PSI UNABLE RESUME GOVERNMENT ROLE UNTIL GREATER PARTY  
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UNITY AND CREDIBILITY WITH ELECTORATE RESTORED.

3. PUMILIA RECOGNIZED PROSPECTIVE AGREEMENT ON PROGRAM  
REPRESENTED NEW LINK IN DC-PCI RELATIONS, BUT INSISTED THAT  
GRASS ROOTS OPINION IN BOTH PARTIES WOULD NOT PERMIT ADDITIONAL  
TIES WITH OUT FIRST GETTING THEM IN PARTY CONGRESSES AND SEEKING  
MANDATE IN PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS.

4. LAURICELLA AND PUMILIA BOTH STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF PROSPECTIVE

EUROPEAN ELECTIONS WITH FORMER SUGGESTING ANDREOTTI HIMSELF  
MIGHT BE CANDIDATE. LAURICELLA BELIEVED EUROPEAN ELECTIONS AND  
OTHER INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS WOULD FORCE PCI MAKE NEEDED,  
HARD CHOICES ON CRUCIAL ISSUES SUCH AS PARTYS ALLEGIANCE TO WEST  
AND NATO, PLURALISM, INTERNAL DEMOCRACY, ETC. END. COLLINS

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